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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 and 6-18 are canceled. New claims 19-27 are added. Accordingly, claims 19-27 are pending.

Claim 19 recites a method of operating a self-service terminal having a number of peripheral devices and a terminal application which controls the peripheral devices. The method comprises the steps of presenting to a self-service terminal user an option of accessing a third party application to obtain a service from the third party application while the user is conducting a self-service transaction at the self-service terminal, receiving a request from the third party application to use one of the peripheral devices of the self-service terminal in response to the user accessing the third party application to obtain the service from the third party application, using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted, and activating the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application when the request from the third party application to use the peripheral device is granted, and thereby to allow the user to obtain the service via the peripheral device.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a method of operating a self-service terminal having a number of peripheral devices and a terminal application which controls the peripheral devices, wherein the method comprises the steps of presenting to a self-service terminal user an option of accessing a third party application to obtain a service from the third party application while the user is conducting a self-service transaction at the self-service terminal, receiving a request from the third party application to use one of the peripheral devices of the self-service terminal in response to the user accessing the third party application to obtain the service from the third party application, using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted, and activating the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party

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application when the request from the third party application to use the peripheral device is granted, and thereby to allow the user to obtain the service via the peripheral device. Thus, claim 19 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 20 depends from claim 19 and is allowable for the reasons claim 19 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 20 further recites the step of monitoring terminal usage during operation of the third party application to ensure that the user is still present. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 20 in combination with the structure recited in claim 19. Thus, claim 20 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 21 depends from claim 19 and is allowable for the reasons claim 19 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 21 further recites the step of sending a status signal to the third party application to indicate the status of the request received from the third party application. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 21 in combination with the structure recited in claim 19. Thus, claim 21 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 22 recites a self-service terminal comprising a peripheral device, a terminal application which controls the peripheral devices, and a controller for (i) receiving a request from a third party application to use the peripheral device in response to the user accessing the third party application to obtain a service from the third party application while the user is conducting a self-service transaction, (ii) using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted, and (iii) activating the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application at any time.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a self-service terminal comprising a peripheral device, a terminal application which controls

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the peripheral devices, and a controller for (i) receiving a request from a third party application to use the peripheral device in response to the user accessing the third party application to obtain a service from the third party application while the user is conducting a self-service transaction, (ii) using the terminal application to determine if the request received from the third party application should be granted, and (iii) activating the peripheral device under control of the terminal application such that control of the peripheral device is not passed to the third party application at any time. Thus, claim 22 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 23 depends from claim 22 and is allowable for the reasons claim 22 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 23 further recites that the peripheral device includes a user input device. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 23 in combination with the structure recited in claim 22. Thus, claim 23 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 24 depends from claim 22 and is allowable for the reasons claim 22 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 24 further recites that the peripheral device includes a display device. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 24 in combination with the structure recited in claim 22. Thus, claim 24 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 25 recites a self-service terminal comprising a cash dispenser for dispensing cash to a self-service terminal user conducting a self-service cash dispensing transaction, a peripheral device for presenting information to the user, a memory storing a first user interface application which controls the peripheral device, and a processor for (i) receiving a request from a second user interface application which is different from the first user interface application to use the peripheral device to present third party information to the

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user, (ii) determining if the request from the second user interface application should be fulfilled, and (iii) using the peripheral device under control of the first user interface application to present the user with the third party information and thereby to fulfill the request.

None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests a self-service terminal comprising a cash dispenser for dispensing cash to a self-service terminal user conducting a self-service cash dispensing transaction, a peripheral device for presenting information to the user, a memory storing a first user interface application which controls the peripheral device, and a processor for (i) receiving a request from a second user interface application which is different from the first user interface application to use the peripheral device to present third party information to the user, (ii) determining if the request from the second user interface application should be fulfilled, and (iii) using the peripheral device under control of the first user interface application to present the user with the third party information and thereby to fulfill the request. Thus, claim 25 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 26 depends from claim 25 and is allowable for the reasons claim 25 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 26 further recites that the peripheral device includes a user input device. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 26 in combination with the structure recited in claim 25. Thus, claim 26 patentably defines over the prior art including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

Claim 27 depends from claim 25 and is allowable for the reasons claim 25 is allowable and for the specific limitations recited therein. Claim 27 further recites that the peripheral device includes a display device. None of the prior art including the prior art references of record discloses or suggests the structure recited in claim 27 in combination with the structure recited in claim 25. Thus, claim 27 patentably defines over the prior art

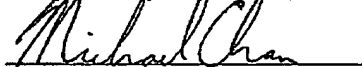
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including the prior art references of record, whether taken singularly or in combination, and is therefore allowable.

This amendment may be entered upon a showing of good reasons why it is necessary and was not presented earlier as per 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116. This amendment is necessary to overcome the rejections stated in the final Office Action. The amendment was not earlier presented because the Applicant did not know of the Examiner's position with respect to interpretation of certain claim language as a result of the Amendment mailed July 8, 2004 until receiving the final Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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